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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**SUBJECT : Problems in Watch Procedures During the Recent Period of Tension**

**REFERENCE : IAC M-270: Minutes of the 4 December Meeting**

1. As requested by the Chairman of the IAC on 4 December the Watch Committee and the National Indications Center have reexamined their procedures during the recent period of tension and have determined that most of the problems noted in this review can be solved through administrative action between NIC and the IAC agencies concerned. Several problems, if unresolved, may warrant future consideration by the IAC. These are:

- a. Assignment of full-time duty officers to NIC;
- b. Feasibility of an augmented courier system for off-duty service among intelligence agencies during periods of tension;
- c. Establishment by arrangement with NSA of a uniform system of identification for NSA material;
- d. Development of expeditious procedures through the intelligence agencies for rechecking critical intelligence items with the field.

2. The Watch Committee proposes that it report to the IAC at the end of three months the progress achieved in dealing with these and any other problems or procedure that may arise.

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GENERAL CABELL:

Subject: Attached Memo to IAC

Unless you instruct otherwise,  
I propose to reproduce and circulate  
this memorandum to the IAC Members  
on Friday. However, I should appreciate  
guidance on these questions:

1. Do you wish to have it on the  
Agenda for 29 January?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If not, what date is preferable?

2. On the printed agenda for this item,  
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